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WATER SYSTEM MAKING MONEY

Gratifying Showing Made by
Superintendent Mansell in
His Annual Report.

DEBT HAS BEEN DECREASED

Bonds to Amount of \$18,000
Bought in During 1901—
Total Debt Now
\$276,000.

Superintendent J. H. Mansell yesterday filed with Auditor Nelson an annual statement of the financial condition of the Astoria water commission. The showing made by the report is particularly gratifying. On January 1, 1901, the cost of the water system had reached \$280,635.01, while extensions made during the past year brought up the total cost to \$282,247.21. During the 12 months ending January 1, 1902, the commission bought in 15 bonds, each of the face value of \$1000. Water bonds are now at a high premium, and more than \$2000 was paid out in premiums on bonds and county warrants, in which latter scrip the commission has been investing. It will be noticed in the statement of receipts that water rates aggregated \$31,888.62 during 1901. This amount includes \$2500 that is annually charged the city for water supplied the fire system and \$1111 for water furnished city offices. Of course, the commission has no hope of receiving the \$6000 or more which is charged against the city on its books, but the account is kept merely for the sake of a showing.

The following statement shows the estimated value of the system on January 1, 1902:

Cost of system to date	\$282,247.21
Stock of supplies	23,135.59
Loose property	1,675.49
Office furniture	1,132.44
Tools	459.17

Total estimated value \$308,753.90

Following is a statement of the earnings for the past year:

From water rates	\$31,888.62
Delinquent charges	78.75
Tapping mains	4.70

Total receipts \$32,012.07

The expenditures for the year were as follows:

Cost of operation	\$3,382.00
Interest paid during 1901	\$15,570.98
Rebate on sold property	10.00

Total \$18,962.96

It will be seen from the last two statements that the gain for the year was \$5081.51.

The original net indebtedness of the commission was \$300,000, but 24 \$1000 warrants have been bought in, leaving a net debt of \$276,000. The bonds taken up are not destroyed, but continue to draw interest. This interest goes into the sinking fund. Eventually all the bonds will be taken up, and then, perhaps, the commission will commence buying city bonds. The council may be able to refuse payment of the bonds, and thus pull itself out of debt.

DUMONT IS PERSISTENT.

Preparing Plans for Another Attempt to Cross Mediterranean.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—M. Santos-Dumont is already at work preparing his plans for the rebuilding of his airship wrecked on his last attempt to cross the Mediterranean, says a Journal and American dispatch from Monaco. Efforts to grapple his motor, the sinking of which was the most serious loss of the disastrous attempt, have all failed, and he has ordered a new and more powerful one.

That he will ultimately cross the sea is regarded here as a certainty, for only his death will stop him. Though he was near to death from drowning, from being smothered in the silken folds of his collapsed balloon and from being burned to death by the igniting of the oil he uses for fuel, his peril seems to have made the least possible impression on him.

The peril to which he was exposed and the narrowness of his escape he dismisses with a shrug of his shoulders, but on the subject of the loss of his motor and the delay in his plans caused by that misfortune he is despondently eloquent.

UNRAVELING MURDER MYSTERY.

New York Police Trying to Locate Murderer of Mrs. Voepel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Although no arrests have been made as yet in the mysterious murder of Mrs. Kate Voepel Friday morning, in her flat at 129 Christopher street, the police are

elated over finding in the flat a knife for which they have been searching since Friday night. They believe, too, that they have a valuable clue in a single black hair found on the cravat which was held tightly in the dead woman's hand.

This knife, to which the police attach so much importance is what is known to butchers as a bone knife. It has a curved blade, four and three-quarter inches long and pointed.

This knife which the widow's late husband has used, has done duty later as a kitchen utensil. The edge is dull and the blade somewhat speckled, but whether rust or blood must be determined by the chemists. On the handle are two spots apparently bloodstains and here, too, the chemist will have to determine whether or not the stains are those of human blood.

Captain Martins attached significance to the fact that the handle appears to have been recently scoured.

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS MEET.

Questions Relating to Disfranchisement of Southern Voters Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Republican members of the house had a third caucus tonight to consider the question of Southern elections. Only 86 Republicans were present. This was short of a quorum but the meeting proceeded.

A resolution was adopted asking the house committee on rules to report a resolution for a special investigation committee to consider the questions relating to the disfranchisement of voters.

HOBSON TO RETIRE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The president today sent a message to the senate recommending the retirement of Naval Constructor Richard P. Hobson, and in accordance with this recommendation Senator Gallinger introduced a bill providing for Hobson's transfer to the retired list.

TO FOUND NEW ORDER

PROPOSITION OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Will Establish an Order of Paulist Fathers Among the Clergy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—To establish an order of Paulist Fathers among the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal church is the latest proposition of the members of that body. The subject emanates from the middle west. The idea of the advocates of the scheme is to have rectors of small parishes engaged in some other business which would support them permanently regardless of inability of the parish to pay them salaries. The originator of the plan is the Rev. Conrad R. Birnback, of Pittsburg, Ill., formerly of Hammon, N. J. He says:

"The population of this country respects us where we are known. But in most places we are still unknown or, what is worse, mistakenly known as a cranky set of people. Matters have been made much worse in the case of small parishes which tenaciously stick to their privilege of calling their rectors from everywhere, the further the better. On account of this evil, the church is, in small places, usually represented by that floating class of clergymen who are always looking for something better."

FORGER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Fred Mamoor Found Hanging to Cell Bar in Great Falls Jail.

BUTTE Mont., Feb. 17.—A special to the Butte Miner from Great Falls says forger Fred Mamoor, made a desperate effort to commit suicide in the general cell of the county jail early yesterday morning. Mamoor with the rope used by the prisoners as a clothes line hanged himself to one of the upper bars of the cell. His body swayed against the sides of the cell, however, awakened the other prisoners who rescued him. Mamoor is awaiting trial for the forging of thirteen checks amounting to about \$500.

SALISBURY'S SACRIFICE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Irish Industries Association is extremely fortunate in having obtained Lord Salisbury's consent of the loan of his private residence in Arlington street for its St. Patrick's day sale, says a London special to the Tribune. The prime minister has made a personal sacrifice to the extent of giving up his entire house for the benefit of poor Irish peasants on March 17.

HEAVIEST STORM IN THREE YEARS

Philadelphia and Atlantic City
Have High Wind Accompanied by Snow.

MARINE DISASTERS ARE FEW

Stranding of a Schooner the
Only Report Sent out By
the Life Saving
Stations.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—A heavy snowstorm which began in this section last night ceased at 5 o'clock this afternoon, the fall of snow being the heaviest in three years. A high wind accompanied the snow, but tonight the wind is diminishing. The greatest fall of snow occurred at Atlantic City, which was the center of the storm this morning. The weather bureau there reports that 17 inches fell and that the maximum velocity of the wind was 24 miles.

Cape May reported a snow fall of eight inches. In this city 11 inches of snow was recorded at the weather bureau and in the interior of Pennsylvania the snow fall reports vary from one to six inches.

With the exception of the stranding of the schooner Anna Murray, near the Indian river inlet, the life saving stations from Chincoteague, Va., to Barnegat, N. J., report no vessels in distress.

SEVERE STORM IN NEW YORK.

Traffic Congested in Many of the Leading Streets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—New York city has borne the brunt of the fiercest snowstorm that has struck this section of the country since the great blizzard of 1888. Beginning soon after midnight, the storm increased rapidly until by day break the whole city was completely snowed under.

The fall up to 3 o'clock this afternoon was 9.3-10 inches. The congestion of traffic on the Manhattan street car lines was severe during the morning when many of the avenues were blocked with long lines of stalled cars. On Broadway, wheel traffic was confined to narrow lanes between the high snowdrifts and along these, cab trucks and cars crawled at snail's pace. The conditions of traffic were in every respect greater than in the great blizzard of 1888.

CHOIR BOYS ON STRIKE.

Forty Youngsters Go Out at a New York Episcopal Church.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Led by the 12-year-old son of the rector, 40 boys comprising the choir of St. Clement's Episcopal church have gone on a strike and at the morning service hooted and jeered the four men soloists who furnished all the vocal music. They had preceded this by stoning the chapel Saturday evening and were routed by the police.

At the evening service the boys all maintained a dignified silence. There were two policemen stationed at the main entrance to the church. At the conclusion of the service the boys met on the corner and discussed their grievances.

Today the 40 strikers—the oldest not yet 15 years—will tell the rector, Rev. Dr. Franklin Moore, with the rector's son as spokesman, that the organist and choirmaster has instituted a plan of fines that takes from them all remuneration for their services and leaves them in debt to the church at the end of each month.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Local option

on the excise question in cities as well as towns was favored at a meeting here of the anti-saloon league. After much discussion a memorial in favor of the bill now before the legislature was adopted unanimously. Rev. Dr. Howard Russell, who presided, announced that the anti-saloon league had spent \$40,000 in Ohio last year and hoped to raise \$50,000 in New York this year.

SEATTLE TRAINS DELAYED.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—The heavy rain-falls caused a number of slides on the railroad lines entering Seattle and trains generally were delayed several hours.

SUNDAY SALOON CLOSING.

Raines Law Will Probably Be Enforced in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Agitation regarding the Sunday closing of saloons and especially of violations of the ex-

cise law by Raines law, have been vigorously renewed by the arrival in this city of 30 excise inspectors. They were sent by State Commissioner Cullen, together with evidence against the Raines law hotels and will report to him at Albany the result of their investigation. It is said this information eventually will be given to District Attorney Jerome.

The presence of the inspectors was known throughout New York by Saturday night and Raines law hotels began at once to comply with the regulations. Many of the proprietors of regular saloons became frightened and closed their places entirely.

ESTIMATE OF COFFEE CROP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The coffee crop in Salvador this season is estimated at \$300,000 quintals, according to a dispatch from Panama to the Herald.

TWO WOMEN SUICIDES.

Mrs. Cohn and Miss Curran End Their Life by Taking Carbolic Acid.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Sallie Cohn, a descendant of the famous Vallejo family of California, and formerly one of the belles of the little city of Monterey, committed suicide last night in a lodging house here. Less than an hour later Edith Curran, a beautiful 19 year old girl who had been employed as a waitress in a local restaurant also ended her life. Both took carbolic acid. Despondency was the cause in both cases.

Mrs. Cohn nearly a year ago attempted her own life. It is believed that she has been mentally unbalanced for some time. She came here from San Francisco with her husband Louis Cohn, a bartender, two years ago. Edith Curran was the daughter of W. H. Curran, of Enderly, B. C.

THEODORE IS RECOVERING.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 17.—The progress of the president's son in convalescence from the recent attack of pneumonia continues most favorable.

RETURNS WITH FORTUNE

MRS. PURDY'S BIG STRIKE IN KLONDIKE.

Worth Over \$1,000,000 After Four Years Residence in the North.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Charles Purdy has returned to Toledo from the Klondike with a fortune. During her four years residence in the Klondike, besides keeping a boarding-house and hotel, she bought and sold claims aggregating millions of dollars and when she finally pulled up stakes she came away with over \$1,000,000 in gold dust.

Mrs. Purdy and her husband started West nearly ten years ago. It is said that at Vancouver they disagreed about going farther, the husband returning to Tacoma, where he is now said to be a motorman for a street car company. Mrs. Purdy went on to Alaska and from all accounts prospered.

Besides looking after her own business interests she ran a hospital, where hundreds of destitute miners were entered free of cost. One of her first lucky strikes was a third interest in a claim which she bought for a few hundred dollars, and when she sold out eight months later her net profit was \$300,000.

She still has large interests in the Klondike and holds a partnership interest in a half dozen well paying mines.

GOES THROUGH WITHOUT DEBATE

Bill Repealing War Revenue
Taxes Unanimously Passed
in the House.

ACTION DUE TO RICHARDSON

Minority Leader Saw Debate On
Measure Would Be Fruit-
less—Census Bureau Bill
Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The unexpected happened in the house today when the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes was passed unanimously without a word of debate.

This action was the outcome of a challenge thrown down by Richardson, the minority leader, after the adoption by a strict party vote of a special order for consideration which permitted the bill to be debated upon until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, but cut off all opportunity of offering amendments, except such as had been agreed upon by the ways and means committee.

The adoption of the rule had been preceded by a stormy debate, in the course of which the Democrats protested against the application of the "gas" which Hay, of Virginia, charged, was meant to prevent free expression, not only by the Democrats but by some of the Republicans, attention being especially directed toward Babcock, of Wisconsin, father of the bill to amend the steel schedule of the present tariff law. They also charged that such a method of procedure was minimizing the influence of the house and making it simply a machine to register the decrease of the few men in control.

When the rule was adopted by a vote of 158 to 120, Richardson, to emphasize the fact that a debate on the bill could accomplish nothing and that deliberation upon it would be fruitless, asked unanimous consent that the bill be placed upon its passage. Not an objection was voiced, and a vote was taken forthwith. Every vote (278 in number) was cast in the affirmative.

CENSUS BILL PASSED.

Aillison Vigorously Opposes One of Its Provisions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—After an extended debate the senate today passed the bill establishing a permanent census office. The discussion related principally to the collection and publication by the directors of the census of statistics respecting the production of cotton. Aillison vigorously opposed the provision, maintaining that cotton statistics gathered by the department of agriculture were complete and accurate and that no necessity existed for their duplication. Despite his opposition the provision was inserted in the bill.

Several other bills of importance on the calendar were passed, among them one extending the charters of national banks.

CHARLES I. GRANT DEAD.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—Chas. I. Grant, one of the best known members of the Seattle police force and previous to arrival here for twelve years a soldier in the regular army, died yesterday from spinal meningitis.

St. Louis, Feb. 1st, 1902.

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